

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Discussion Item:

702 KAR 7:130, Uniform Procedures for Approval of Alternative, Innovative School Calendars, Emergency and Ordinary Versions

Applicable Statutes or Regulations:

KRS 157.320, 157.350, 158.060, 158.070, 2010 HB 1, part I, C, 3 (17)

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the changes to 702 KAR 7:130, emergency and ordinary versions?

History/Background:

Existing Policy. During the 2010 special session, the Kentucky General Assembly passed HB 1 (the budget bill) that requires the Kentucky Department of Education to establish uniform procedures allowing the Commissioner of Education to approve innovative alternative school calendars. The bill requires this process to be in place prior to the approval of any calendars for the 2010-11 school year; thus, staff is bringing the affected regulation to you for consideration at the June meeting.

To provide clarity to the submission of innovative alternative calendars, Section 1 of the attached regulation has been amended on page 1 as follows:

Section 1. (a)[1]) A local board of education may request approval of an innovative alternative school calendar for the **2010-2011** ~~[2008-2009]~~ school year or the **2011-2012** ~~[2009-2010]~~ school year by submitting a written request to the Commissioner of Education.

(b) All calendars that contain less than 170 six-hour instructional days shall be considered innovative alternate calendars and shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Education for approval.

Staff Recommendations(s) and Rationale(s):

Staff recommends that the KBE give approval to 702 KAR 7:130, both emergency and ordinary versions. This is necessary to enable the Kentucky Department of Education to immediately provide technical assistance and approval of school calendars to local school districts prior to end of the 2009-10 school year, consistent with the intent of HB 1.

Approval of both versions of the regulation permits the emergency regulation to go into effect immediately for the 2010-11 school year calendars while allowing the ordinary regulation to become effective before the emergency regulation expires.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

Approval of 702 KAR 7:130 will assist local school districts in getting to proficiency by allowing school board approval of school calendars that are intentionally designed to enhance student achievement.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

The Local Superintendents Advisory Council will be consulted at their next meeting about the changes to this regulation and will provide feedback to the board via letter prior to the August KBE meeting, since this emergency regulation came forward after their most recent meeting.

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